





Helping Your Child Become a “Fluent” Reader



Has your child ever struggled to read a text aloud by stopping and starting all the way through the sentences instead of reading the sentences “smoothly?” Does your child struggle to read with expression and understanding?



The ability to read from word-to-word and sentence-to-sentence smoothly with expression and understanding is called “reading fluency”. One of the national tests on reading reports that 45 percent of all fourth graders tested in the U.S. are not fluent readers. When children struggle with fluency they then struggle with understanding what they have read.

Here’s one idea you can use at home to help your child increase his/her fluency skills:

Elementary School Students:

Read short pieces of text to your child while using your finger or a piece of paper to track the words as you read them. Model reading it smoothly and with expression. Then, ask your child questions about what you just read. Last, have your child read the same text to you.



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